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SUBJECT: PRG LIASON OFFICE IN GENEVA

REFS: A) STATE 18055; B) USUN 135; C) BERN 412

1. AS INSTRUCTED, MISSION REINTERATED TO WINSPEAR'S OFFICE CONTINUING U.S. INTEREST IN INSURING THAT PRG LIAISON OFFICE NOT EXCEED ITS MANDATE AS DESCRIBED BY UN SPOKESMAN JAN 16 (REF B) AND ELABORATED REF A. CHEF DE DABINET JENSEN TOOK CAREFUL NOTE U.S. POINTS AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THAT SUBSTANCE DISCUSSION HAD PROMPTLY BEEN RELAYED WINSPEARE. MISSION WILL CONTINUE KEEP ALERT TO PRG ACTIVITIES HERE AND WILL MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH WINSEPAR.

2. JENSEN (WHO ALONE ON WINSPEARE'S STAFF HAS BEEN CUT IN ON PRG MATTER) AND THEREFORE FULLY FAMILIAR WITH HISTORY CONFIRMED THAT WINSPEARE PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN PROPER HANDLING OF ANY ISSUES RESULTING FROM ESTABLISHMENT PRG OFFICE. HE AGREED THAT PRG MANDATE DOES NOT INCLUDE INFO DISTRIBUTION AND BRIEFINGS OUTSIDE HUMANITARIAN

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FIELD (REF A, PARA 2.A) AND THAT STANDING RULES AT

UN WOULD NOT PERMIT PRG TO HOLD PRESS BRIEFINGS ON UN TERRITORY. HE ADMITTED, HOSEVER, THAT IF A MEMBER STATE REQUESTED BRIEFING FACILITIES AND BROUGHT IN PRG REP IT WOULD BE DIFFCULT TO CONTROL. WE SUGGESTED THAT CLEAR-CUT RULES SHOLDBE DRAWN UP AND APPLIED RIGOROUSLY TO AVOID SUCH A SITUATION THAT COULD NOT HELP BUT BE EMBARRASSING TO THE UN. OUR POSITION WAS THAT THE PRG SHOULD BE KEPT ON A SHORT LEASH, AND WOULD THEREFORE EXPECT THAT IF UN FACILITIES WEREIMPROPERLY USED BY THEM, OR DIRECTLY ON THIER BEHALF, THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE ABLE CONFINCINGLY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT WAS THROUGH NO DERELICTION OF RESPONSIBILITY ON ITS PART. SIMILARLY, THE USE OF UN FACILITIES AS A BASE FOR UNAUTHROIZED LOBBYING SHOULD BE CAREFULLY REGULATED.

3. AS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF CONSULAR FUNCTIONS (PARA 2.A) UN OBSERVED THIS WAS A MATTER FOR GOS AUTHORITIES.

4. PRG ATTEMPT TO GAIN STATUS AT CONFERENCES (PARA 2.C) WOULD, JENSEN SUGGESTED, BE A MATTER IN FIRST INSTANCE THAT WOULD PROBABLY HE NANLDLED BY THE SPECIALIZED ORGAN INVOLVED. CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN AGENCY HEAD AND WINSPEARE COULD BE ANTICIPATED IN SUCH CASES, BUT THE SEMI-AUTONOMOUS CHARACTER OF AGENCIES HERE LEFT THE RESPONSIBILITY WITH THEM. THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS BY ONE OR MORE OF THE UN RELATED BODIES HERE COULD, HE SAID, LEASD TO A REQUEST FOR UPGRADING OF PRG FROM OFFICE TO MISSION STATUS. IN THIS SITUATION HE FLET THAT UN NEW YORK WOULD BE THE ACTION OFFICE.

5. JENSEN ADDED THAT REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS BY PRG WOULD NOT BE HONORED, THOUGH FRIENDLY MISSIONS. THOUGH USE UN PREMISES WOULD BE OFFICIALLY DENIED THEM, THE UN BUILDINGS WERE IN FACT PUBLIC AND IT WOULD BE PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM OUT OR UNDER SUR-VEILLANCE.DALE

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